



CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

SECOND MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 via ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

Clerk Susan Easton		THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
Recording Clerk Team Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker		See Wednesday Digest for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net
Treasurer Wendy Robinson	SUNDAY 2-7	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
Spiritual Care Committee Judy Hays-Eberts	TUES 2-9	7:00-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration Scott Smith on Conflict Resolution <i>Details inside</i>
Adult Religious Exploration Laurie Childers	WED 2-10	4:00-6:00 pm Third Age Listening Circle via Zoom All are welcome! <i>Details inside</i>
Children & Youth Program Yalda Asamatey	SUNDAY 2-14	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:40 am Meeting for Business via Zoom
Groundkeeping Coordinators Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts	SUNDAY 2-21	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship, 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom
House & Hospitality Abigail Stoughton	TUES 2-23	7:00-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration Concepts Within Decolonization <i>Details inside</i>
Major Meetinghouse Maintenance Bob Burton	WED 2-24	6:30-8:00 pm OSU Contemplative Studies Initiative Humility & Avidya <i>Details inside</i>
Meetinghouse Scheduling Sid Rosen	SUNDAY 2-28	8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship 10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom 11:45 POTLUCK via Zoom
Rides Coordinator Donna Gerry		
Corvallis Meeting: Corvallisfriends.org Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting corvallisfriends@gmail.com		
Willamette Quarterly Meeting: www.willamettequarterly.org		
North Pacific Yearly Meeting: www.npym.org		

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JANUARY 2021 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business Sunday January 10, 2021
Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing
Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel
Friends present: John Selker, Laurie Childers, Judy Hays-Eberts, Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Nancy Ewald, Bob Henderson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Laura Horsey

Meeting began in expectant quiet worship.

The minutes of December Meeting for Business were approved as published in the newsletter with the addition of Nancy Ewald as present

A written **Treasurer's Monthly Report** was presented. Wendy explained that the large amount for the water bill includes additional fees for city services. Donations were made to LBCC Foundation Diversity in Nursing Scholarship Fund and Benton County Foundation as approved last month. Meeting received a thank you from LBCC. Laurie shared that white male nursing students are included in the definition of "diversity."

Wendy will send out tax statements for donations made in 2020. A proposed budget for 2021 will be presented next month.

The report was accepted with gratitude.

Spiritual Care Committee is focusing on helping provide connection with and between Friends. They are also exploring the quality of worship during Meeting for Worship and are open to feedback on this. They will meet later this week.

Our annual State of the Meeting Report is due to Willamette Quarterly Meeting in May. Judy requested help from Friends in working on this. Laurie volunteered to write a first draft, and help as needed. Nominating Committee will be contacting Friends this month and will ask them about their feelings and experience of

connection with the meeting and with other Friends. We noted that the children were involved in the food drive and that Meeting for Worship on Zoom has attracted visitors.

Adult Religious Exploration will offer two sessions this month: Brene Brown on *The Power of Vulnerability* this coming Tuesday and *Participatory Storytelling about Following Our Leadings* with Friend Caroline Wildflower on 1-26. They are planning a future session on conflict resolution with Scott Smith and one on decolonization. Friends are encouraged to participate and provide feedback.

Peace Justice and Environment committee of the whole: Priorities for Friends Committee on National Legislation will include the repeal of the Authorization of Military Force and the US relationship with Iran.

Our Meeting's efforts towards our acknowledgement of the native land our Meetinghouse sits on and our anti-racism efforts have stalled temporarily but will continue.

Nominating Committee will be contacting Friends about how they wish to be involved in the life of the Meeting.

Phone service for the Meeting: the current arrangement is not working. An ad hoc committee, including Bob Ward, Nina, and John Selker, is currently exploring options. Meeting approved letting them and the Treasurer make a decision and purchase a service. We noted that we can always make a change if what we try first does not work well. Friends agree we would like a good internet connection at the Meetinghouse in the future.

Meeting closed with worship

Next Meeting for Business – February 14

Adult Religious Exploration Tuesday Feb 9

7-8:30 pm: Our own Scott Smith will talk with us about **Conflict: its cost, its value, and a few fundamentals.** Come experience a chance to uncover what you already know or intuit about constructive ways of handling conflict; learn or review some of the building blocks of the conflict transformation field; and explore connections between these approaches and Quaker values and skills.

Third Age Circle - Wednesday Feb 10

4-6 pm. A check-in time and sharing on how we hope to move forward this year in our lives. Everyone is welcome to join! Zoom links and more information will be posted in the Wed. Digest.

Adult Religious Exploration Tuesday Feb 23

7-8:30 pm: The first of a 2-part series on **Decolonization. “Concepts Within Decolonization, how it affects each of us personally.”** We ask that each of you spend some quality time in the next few weeks, - a few hours total - looking at some of the links in the Wednesday Digest. We ask you to become familiar with the Indian Boarding Schools particularly, and whatever other subjects call you down their rabbit holes. This is planned as an interactive discussion, in which each of us shares what we learned from our research, and what touches us personally from the information.

Tom Kunesh will sit in on our conversation, so that he can know his audience for the March 9th presentation:**Part 2: Decolonizing Religion**

“tom kunesh: i am 4a of 13 kids born in Minnesota to a member of Standing Rock Lakota Oyate and a much larger settler family, resettled in Tennessee. i try to sing in lakota. i was a russian & faros ‘spook’ in the Navy, i travelled, schooled, taught religion & spanish. & i try to write.”



OSU Wednesday, February 24th 6:30-8pm

Humility & Avidya: A Yogic Look at the Heart and Depth of the Christian Path with Will Duncan - philosopher, 3-year retreatant and lavender farmer
Free/Open to All via Zoom; Donations to CSI appreciated
<https://beav.es/J5K>

FCNL Training: “Learn to Lobby in 30 minutes”. Repeats 8 times between 1/5-4/20

Are you excited to take action, to make a difference, but not sure where to start? Join a 30-minute interactive call where we will share inspiring stories from our grassroots network, conduct a short skills training, and answer questions about how to schedule and plan a Quakerly lobby visit.

<https://www.fcnl.org/events/learn-to-lobby>

Listen to Episode #19 of Jon Stoll's podcast, the Soul Force Ones, featuring Parker Palmer, a Quaker, and "The Godfather of Contemplative Studies."

Parker shares about the paradox of finding the light amidst the darkness of incredible suffering and pain during the Pandemic. Parker goes on to share about being a community organizer and the strength and resolve of People of Color. Listen at <http://soulforceones.com> and subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts.

SOUL FORCE ONES is a provocative podcast about purpose and practice that examines how Careers, Activism, Spirituality, and Hip Hop (CASH) rules everything around us..

ADVICES & QUERIES: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & STUDY

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

Friends study and learn throughout our lives in order to understand and deepen our experience of Truth and our Inner Teacher.

As individuals and families we make manifest our search for Truth in every aspect of life, and recognize that Truth may be found in many religions and spiritual practices. Friends participate, as they are led, in the spiritual education and formation of the meeting's young people.

As we learn together, we spiritually nurture each other according to our gifts and leadings, participate more fully in our meetings, and deepen our understanding of the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends.

- Do we help to develop the spiritual lives of all of our members, attenders, and children?
- Do we all take part in educating ourselves about the history and heritage of Friends?
- Do we prepare members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the Friends principles? How do we teach Quaker worship and discernment and their importance to the good order of our meeting community?
- Do we share our faith and spiritual journeys, as well as listen to and learn from others? Do we encourage such sharing within our families and meeting communities?

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